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EXHIBIT #VI.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Rachelle Tome, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: December 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Thomas College Program Review Team Report of Findings

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: A state program approval visit to Thomas College was conducted October 5 – October 8, 2014 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

- Elementary Education
- Early Childhood Education (B-5 and K-3)
- Secondary Education (English and Social Studies)

Following the on-site visit, the Review Team's Report of Findings was prepared which includes commendations, program recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. Attached is a copy of the Thomas College Self-Study Report as well as a copy of the Thomas College Review Team's Report of Findings.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That the State Board of Education vote to receive the Thomas College Review Team's Report of Findings. Consideration of this report will appear as an action agenda item for the Board's January 14, 2015 meeting.

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